

TRITON COLLEGE

BOARD BRIEFS

January 23, 2018

Happy New Year and Spring Semester Employee group leaders noted their efforts in welcoming students and spring activities now that the semester has begun. President Moore thanked everyone and encouraged the continued reach-out to students to help them acclimate and learn where college resources can be located.

Continuing Education Award

Congratulations to Dean Paul Jensen and the Continuing Education division on receiving the

Illinois Council for Continuing Education and Training

2017 Exemplary Program Award

for the Dialysis Technician program in conjunction with Loyola Medical Center. Representatives from the Loyola Dialysis Unit were present to share in the presentation.



Chairman Mark Stephens; CEHP Manager Katie Leonardo; from the Loyola Dialysis Unit: Dean Baron, Bessie Baldovino, Evangeline Magpoc, Barb Klusa; CE Dean Paul Jensen; President Mary-Rita Moore

Board Policy Enacted Click on the title to review this new Board Policy.

- [4146 Americans With Disabilities Act](#)



Chairman's Report

Chairman Stephens discussed finances and state funding, noting that there is still \$2 million to come from the state for last year. While there is no clue about what is upcoming, he remains cautiously optimistic.

To quell the notion of community colleges being inferior institutions, Chairman Stephens suggested that college marketing efforts highlight our faculty members. He stated the importance of making known the great work being done at Triton College.

Action Exhibits and Purchasing Schedules Approved All of the exhibits presented to the Board were approved, including certification of several construction projects. See the [Board of Trustees website](#) for information on all of the items that went to the Board of Trustees in January.

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Strategic Plan Annual Report



Highlights of the Strategic Plan accomplishments for 2017, year three of the seven year plan, included improvements in writing and math success rates under Increasing College Readiness, reflecting the work of faculty and staff in this area. Exciting work has occurred with changes to the Dual Credit process and funding received for our Math Lab. Under Improving College Completion, student satisfaction is high. The retention rate is on target, and was a real focus in the recent FY 19 Budget presentations, so work will progress in that area. Peer Mentoring Collaborative, COL 102, and Adjunct Faculty participating in professional development opportunities all show growth. For Closing Skill Gaps, the employer perception of job readiness of Triton students shows significant improvement.

Director of Planning & Accreditation Pamela Perry explained that the benchmark goals in the Strategic Plan are very aggressive and become more challenging each year. You can access the full 2017 Strategic Plan Annual Report [here](#) for detailed information on all of the categories of the plan that show where the college is above target, on target, or below target for our goals.

HLC Visit, March 5-6, 2018 The month of February will be busy with preparations for the upcoming accreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission on March 5 and 6. Two collaborative employee groups have formed “White Glove” and “Mock Visit” Teams to ensure that the college community is equipped with information and resources needed for a successful visit. The Board of Trustees, too, will be prepped for the HLC Visit at the February Board Committee and Regular meetings.

One Book, One Leyden The Triton College Library, in partnership with East and West Leyden High Schools, will host a Panel Discussion on February 13 and Documentary Screening on February 14 inspired by the book, *Outcasts United*. See details on the library website [here](#).